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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Royce Elliott was born on March 29, 1936, in
3 Stephenville, Texas; his parents were Earl and Loretta Elliott;
4 he married Helen Milford on October 14, 1961; and

5 WHEREAS, Royce Elliott graduated from Woodruff High
6 School, where he played baseball, basketball, and football and
7 participated in choir; he later attended Western Illinois
8 University, where he played football and baseball, and Bradley
9 University; and

10 WHEREAS, Royce Elliott was best known as "America's
11 funniest clean comedian"; he traveled all over North America
12 performing as an emcee for sports, corporate, and charity
13 events; he entertained at numerous venues, such as Bally's Las
14 Vegas, the Grand Ole Opry, and Atlantic City; he also performed
15 his routine at the Stadium Club in Peoria, Two Brother's Tap,
16 and local baseball fields; and

17 WHEREAS, Royce Elliott made dozens of national television
18 appearances on "The Ralph Emery Show", "Crook and Chase",
19 "Nashville Now", and "The Statler Brothers Show"; he worked
20 with many celebrities, including Frank Sinatra, Lou Rawls, Rich
21 Little, Barbara Mandrell, Vince Gill, and Conway Twitty; he
22 also worked sports banquets and fantasy camps with sports stars

1 Lou Brock, Bob Gibson, Fergie Jenkins, Terry Bradshaw, Jack
2 Buck, Harry Caray, and many others; and

3 WHEREAS, After semi-retiring, Royce Elliott worked locally
4 as a co-host of "Breakfast With Royce and Roger", where he
5 connected with his all-time favorite comedian, Jonathan
6 Winters; he spent most Thursday mornings at the Sterling Family
7 Restaurant with good friends from the ROMEO club; and

8 WHEREAS, Royce Elliott enjoyed sports and coaching and
9 sponsoring local teams; he played for several years in the
10 Peoria Sunday Morning League and played fast pitch softball for
11 about 20 years; Elliott's Jesters sponsored fast pitch teams,
12 park district men's basketball teams, and youth track teams; he
13 also coached in the Salvation Army Bidy Basketball league and
14 West Peoria Little League; and

15 WHEREAS, The City of Peoria has designated the portion of
16 Evans Street between Monroe Street and Perry Avenue in Peoria
17 as "Royce Elliott Place" in honor of his work; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 designate March 26, 2016 as Royce Elliott Day in the State of
21 Illinois in honor of Mr. Elliott and his legacy of
22 entertainment; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 delivered to the family of Royce Elliott as a symbol of our
3 respect and esteem.